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SECTION 1 DESCRIPTION

1.1 GENERAL

The SPERRY UNIVAC Model 70-7100 Magnetic Tape System is a peripheral option for the SPERRY UNIVAC 71 through 77 Computers. The 9-track magnetic tape system consists of a controller and up to four magnetic tape transports (Peripheral Equipment Corporation series 6000).

The magnetic tape controller (MTC) is a buffered interface between the I/O bus and the tape transport. The MTC accommodates up to four tape transports, but only one of these is in use at any given time.

The MTC provides:

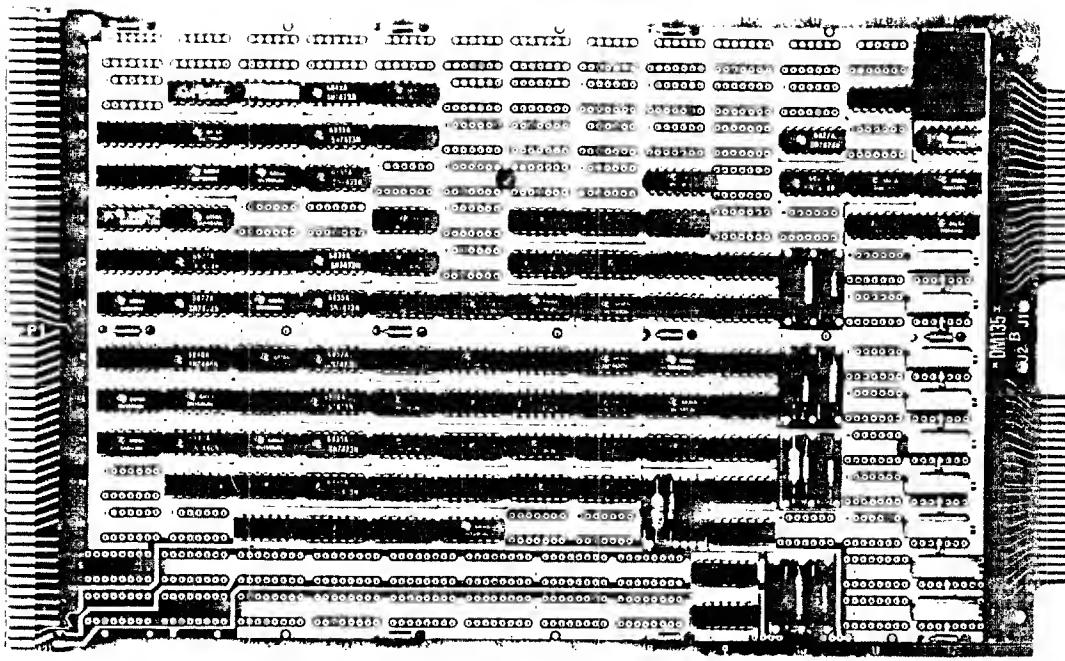
- a. Timing for response to motion instructions from the computer.
- b. Timing for data flow between the computer and the tape transport.
- c. Tape system status information to the computer in response to sense instruction.
- d. Data buffering to reduce the response time.

1.2 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

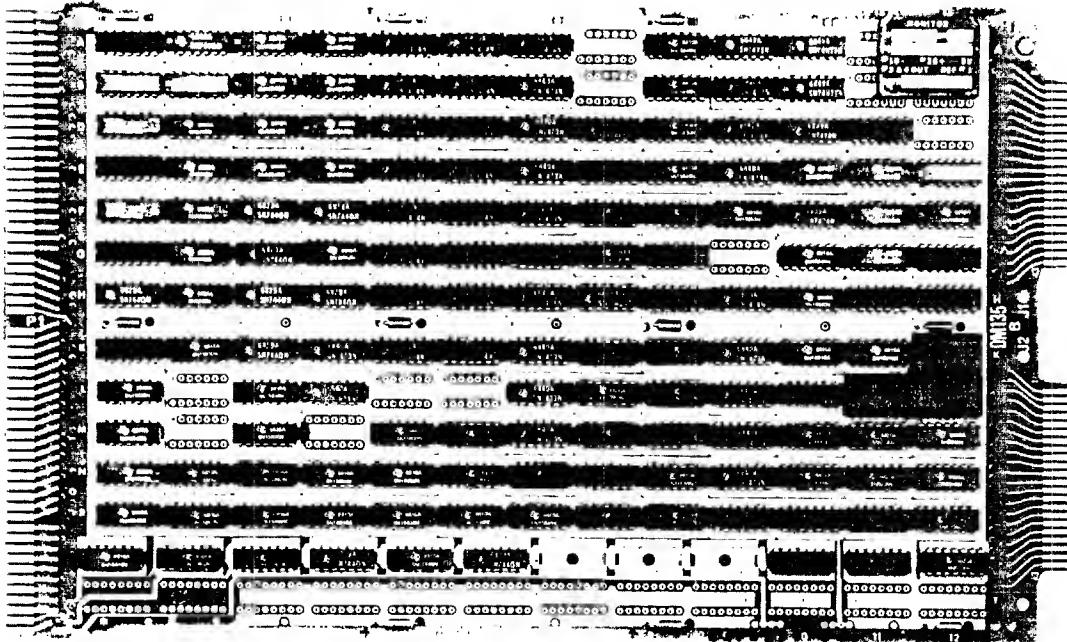
The MTC is on two wire-wrap circuit boards (figure 1-1). It contains all read/write registers and logic circuitry for the control of the tape transport.

The tape transports are in a standard nineteen-inch rack chassis.

The computer controls the MTC through the I/O cable or the optional buffer interlace controller (BIC). A transport cable carries data between the tape transport and the MTC. Figure 1-2 shows the tape system configuration.



A. Board No. 1 (Part No. 44P0232-000).

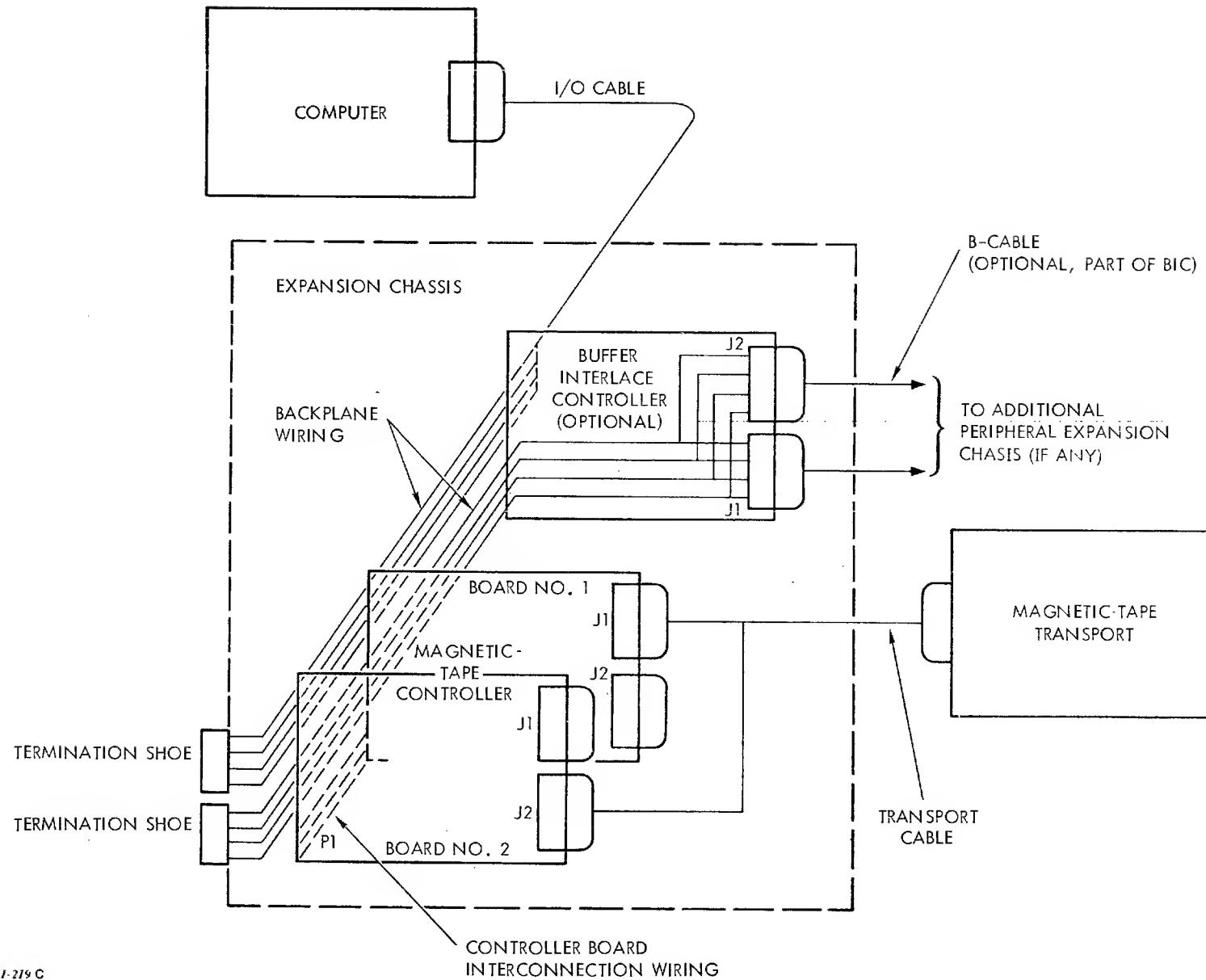


B. Board No. 2 (Part No. 44P0233-000).

FIGURE 1-1. Magnetic Tape Controller Boards (9-Track).

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FIGURE 1-2. Tape System Configuration.



NOTE

In the text of this manual, numbers beginning with a digit other than zero are decimal numbers, numbers with a leading zero are octal, and numbers preceded by a dollar sign (\$) are hexadecimal.

If the computer system contains a BIC in the same expansion chassis as the MTC, the two are connected through the backplane wiring. If the computer system contains a BIC in an expansion chassis other than that containing the MTC, the B cable of the BIC provides the connection.

If the system contains more than one tape transport, the transports are connected to the MTC in party-line configuration (figure 1-3). The program controls the selection of the one transport that can operate at any given time, but a system reset automatically selects transport No. 1.

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

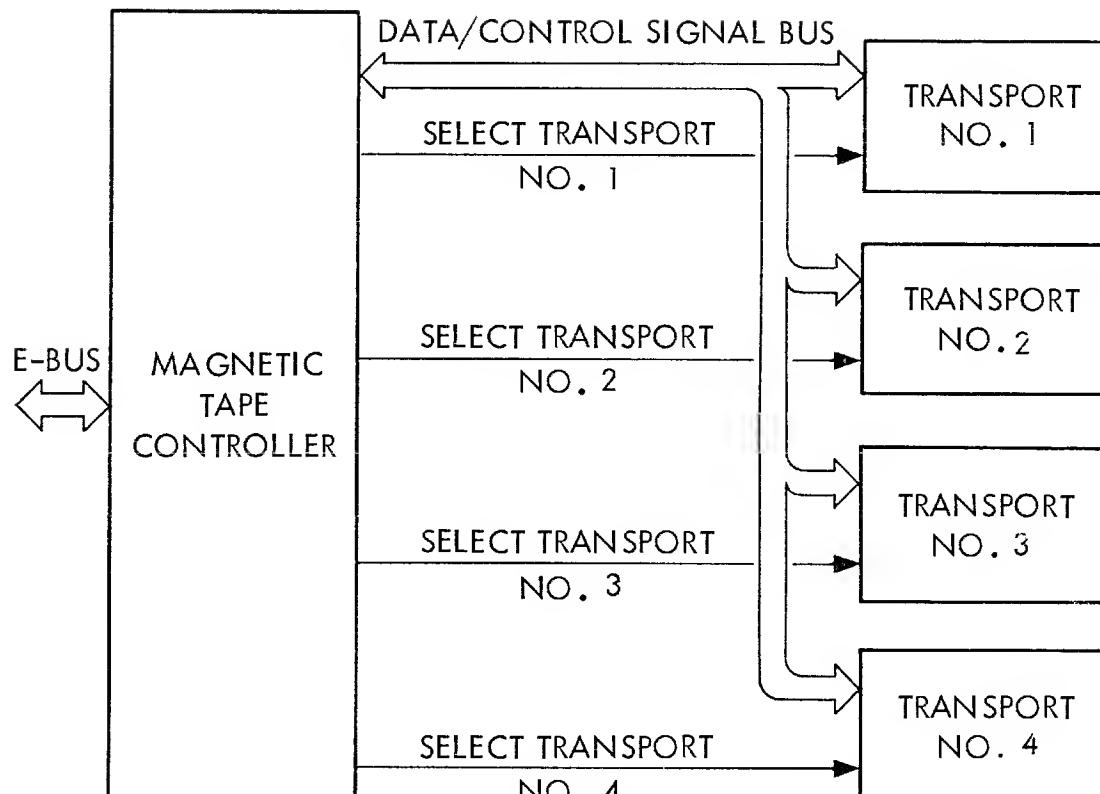
Table 1-1 lists the specifications of the MTC, and table 1-2 those of the tape transport.

Table 1-1. Magnetic-Tape Controller (Nine-Track) Specifications

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Organization | Consists of a clock, drivers, receivers, and the following logic sections: instruction decoding, instruction storage, sense, read/write motion control, read/write data control, read/write data storage, and error checking. |
| Control | Can select one of up to four tape transports at any given time. Resetting the system automatically selects tape transport No. 1. |
| Size | Two 7-3/4-by-12-inch wire-wrap circuit boards. |

(continued)

FIGURE 1-3. Tape System Party-Line Configuration



NOTE: PARTY-LINE CABLE ADAPTERS NOT SHOWN

Table 1-1. Magnetic-Tape Controller (Nine-Track) Specifications
 (continued)

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connections | The MTC interfaces with the I/O cable through the backplane connector and with the tape transports through the tape-transport cable (20 feet maximum). The MTC boards are connected to each other by their backplane and P1 connectors. They are in adjacent card slots (figure 1-2). |
| Connectors | One 122-terminal card-edge connector on each card, mating with female connectors on the chassis backplane. Two 44-terminal card-edge connectors on each card, one on each card mating with a female connector on the tape-transport cable. |
| Data Word | Buffering is provided for two 16-bit words, each containing two 8-bit bytes. |
| Error Checking | During writing, cyclic redundancy check (CRC) characters and longitudinal redundancy check (LRC) characters are written for each tape record. During reading, these characters are regenerated and compared with those read. The LRC includes a parity check. Error correction is not provided. |
| Logic Levels: | |
| I/O and B Cables | Negative Logic: High: +2.8 to +3.6V dc Low: 0 to +0.5V dc |
| Internal | Positive Logic: High: +2.4 to +5.0V dc Low: 0 to +0.4V dc |

(continued)

Table 1-1. Magnetic-Tape Controller (Nine-Track) Specifications
(continued)

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Power Requirements | +5V dc, 3A nominal |
| Operational Environment | +10 to +45 degrees C, 10 to 90 percent relative humidity without condensation |

Table 1-2. Tape Transport Specifications

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Height | 24.5 inches |
| Depth | 11.7 inches from mounting surface, 15.0 inches total |
| Width | 19.00 inches |
| Weight | 85 pounds |
| Mounting | Standard RETMA rack mounting |
| Tape Speed: | |
| Read/Write | 25 inches per second |
| Rewind | 75 inches per second |
| Tape Speed Variation: | |
| Instantaneous | ±3 percent |
| Long-Term | ±1 percent |
| Starting Time | 17.25 ±0.75 milliseconds |
| Stopping Time | 17.25 ±0.75 milliseconds |
| Input Power | 115/230V ac, 200W, 48 to 400 Hz |

(continued)

Table 1-2. Tape Transport Specifications (continued)

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Operational Environment | +1.5 to +50 degrees C, sea level to 20,000 feet altitude, 15 to 95 percent relative humidity without condensation |
| Tape Width | 1/2 inch |
| Tape Reel Size | 10.5 inch diameter |
| Tape Type | 1.5 mm base |
| Tape Tension | Eight ounces |
| Recording Density | 800 bytes per linear inch of tape |
| Recording Format | 9-channel, NRZI (nonreturn to zero, change on ones), IBM 2400-compatible |

1.4 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The MTC permits two basic operations: reading from and writing onto the tape. When the MTC is under program control, the computer initiates and the I/O instructions execute all data transfers. When operating with a BIC, the MTC can initiate data transfers by sending control signals to the BIC. The latter method is free of intervention by the computer program.

During reading, data are read from the tape in eight-plus-parity-bit bytes. The MTC checks the parity of each byte and arranges each pair of bytes into a data word. These words are transferred to the computer under BIC or program control. When using a BIC, the MTC communicates directly with the computer memory by cycle stealing.

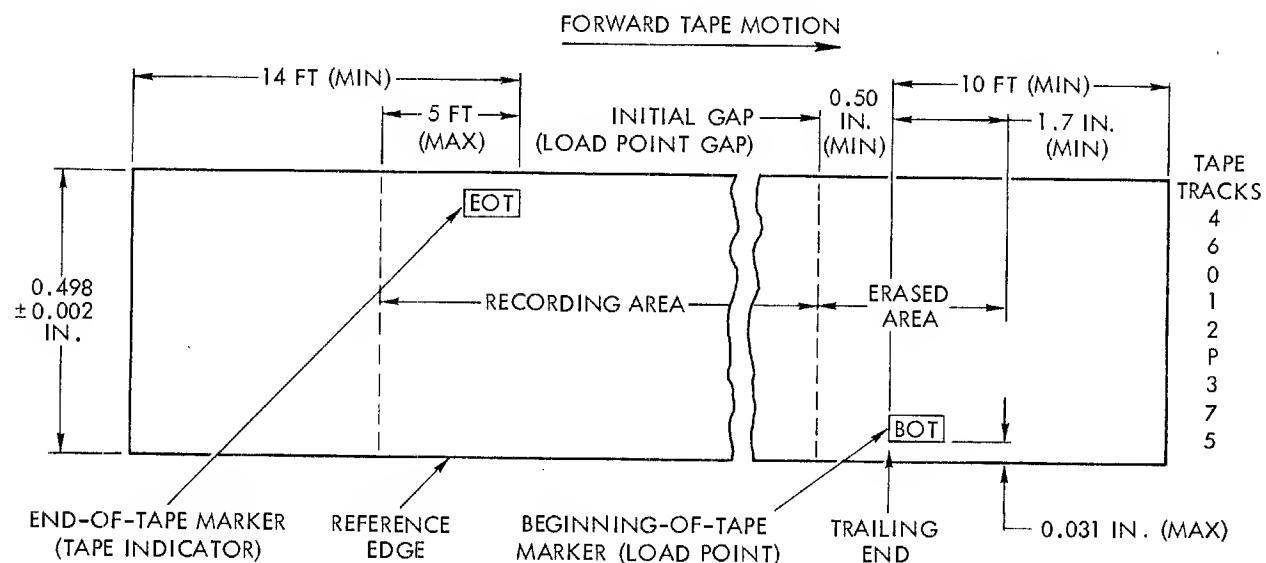
During writing, data words are transferred to the MTC under BIC or program control. The MTC splits each word into two 8-bit bytes, generates odd parity bits for each byte, and transfers the bytes to the tape.

1.4.1 Tape Format

The format of the data on the tape conforms to the IBM 2400 nine-track NRZI (nonreturn to zero, change on ones) format. Each byte, consisting of eight data bits and one odd-parity bit, forms a column of bits across the tape. There are 800 bytes per linear inch of tape.

1.4.1.1 Tape Markers

Plastic markers on the uncoated side of the tape signal the beginning and end of the useful part of the tape. The markers are coated with adhesive on one side and aluminum on the other. The Beginning of Tape (BOT) marker is not more than 0.031 inch from and parallel to the bottom edge of the tape at least 10 feet from the beginning. The End of Tape (EOT) marker is not more than 0.031 inch from and parallel to the top edge of the tape at least 14 feet from the end. Figure 1-4 shows the correct placement of the markers for detection by the tape transport photocell.



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FIGURE 1-4. Beginning and End of Tape Areas.

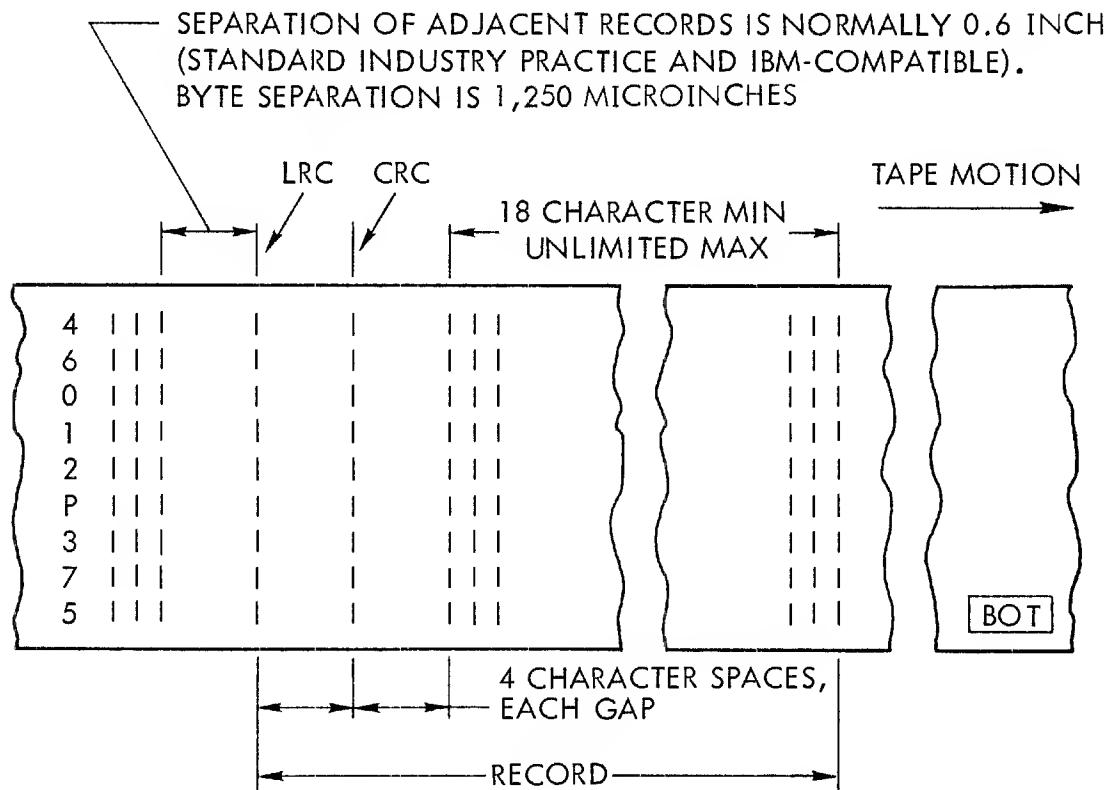
1.4.1.2 File Protection Device

To prevent accidental destruction of recorded data, a plastic ring must be in the groove in the tape reel when writing on the tape. The WRITE ENABLE indicator on the tape transport lights when the ring is in place and the tape under proper tension. If the ring is not in place, writing is disabled.

1.4.1.3 Tape Records

The data on the tape are divided into records. Each record can contain any number of bytes, but 18 data bytes is the minimum for IBM 2400-compatible records.

The data bytes are followed by three blank characters, a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) character, three more blank characters, and a longitudinal redundancy check (LRC) character as shown in figure 1-5.



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FIGURE 1-5. Tape Record.

The CRC character is generated from the data bytes. It aids in detecting single-track errors and ensures that the LRC character is not zero. During reading, the CRC character is regenerated and compared with the written CRC character.

The LRC character is generated by adjusting the parity of each track to even parity for the record, including data bytes and the CRC character. Since the data bytes each have an odd-parity bit, the LRC also includes a vertical redundancy check (VRC). During reading, the LRC character is regenerated and compared with the written LRC character.

Data bytes are 1250 microinches apart. To be IBM-compatible, records are separated by 0.6 inch of blank tape.

The action taken upon detection of an error is under program control (see section 2).

1.4.1.4 Files and File Marks

A file is a group of one or more tape records. Files are separated by a file-mark record consisting of a file-mark character followed by seven blanks (absences of flux transition) and an LRC character.

1.4.2 Tape Controller Operation

As shown in figure 1-6, the MTC contains circuitry for:

- a. Instruction decoding
- b. Instruction storage
- c. Sensing functions and response gating
- d. Read-motion control
- e. Read/write data control and write-motion control
- f. Read/write data storage and error checking
- g. Clock generation

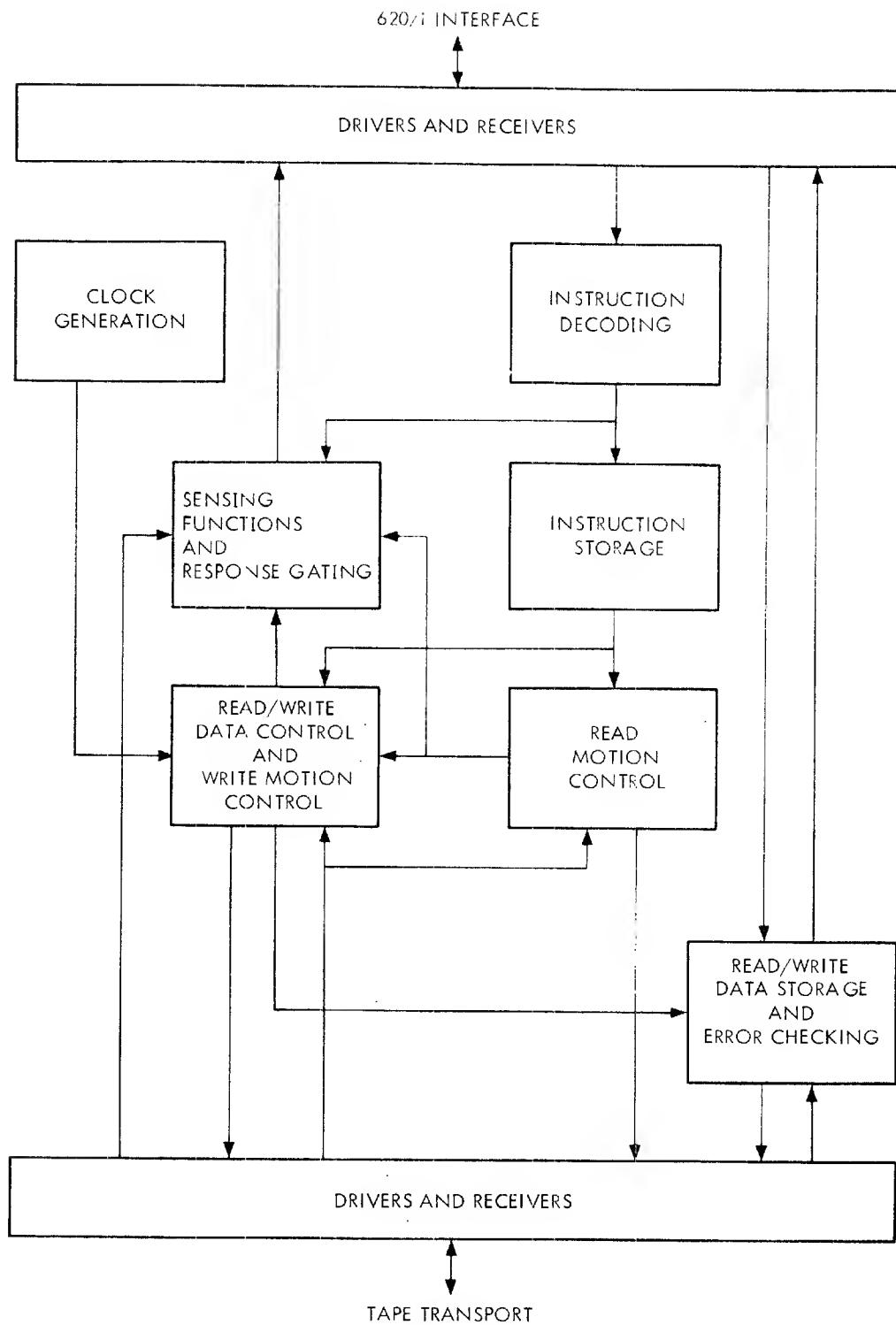


FIGURE 1-6. Tape Controller, Functional Block Diagram.

1.4.2.1 Drivers and Receivers

The drivers and receivers form the interfaces between the MTC and the computer, and between the MTC and tape transports. They provide additional drive and one level of signal conversion.

1.4.2.2 Instruction Decoding and Storage

This logic decodes instructions from the receivers. If the instruction is a sense command, the decoding logic activates the sensing logic for transmission of the sense status to the computer. If the instruction is a motion command, it is stored in the instruction storage register.

1.4.2.3 Sensing Functions and Response Gating

This logic samples the status information and transmits it to the drivers under control of the instruction decoding register. Such status information indicates if the tape transport is ready, if the data storage registers are ready to receive, if a file mark is detected, or if the beginning or end of the tape is detected.

1.4.2.4 Read-Motion Control

The output of this logic initiates forward tape motion upon receipt of a Read One Record or Forward One Record instruction.

1.4.2.5 Read/Write Data Control and Write-Motion Control

The output of the write-motion control logic initiates forward tape motion upon receipt of a command to write. This logic also senses when the tape is up to speed and ready to transmit or receive data.

The read/write control logic monitors the data storage registers. It assembles bytes into words during reading operations or splits the words into bytes during writing operations. The logic also signals the sensing logic that the buffer is ready when the A register is full during reading operations or empty during writing operations.

1.4.2.6 Read/Write Data Storage and Error Checking

During writing, the data word is loaded into the A register, split into two 8-bit bytes, and transferred to the B register. Thus, two 16-bit words can be stored simultaneously in the data registers. One byte at a time is loaded from the B into the CB register and a parity bit is generated. The nine-bit byte is then transmitted through the drivers and written onto the tape.

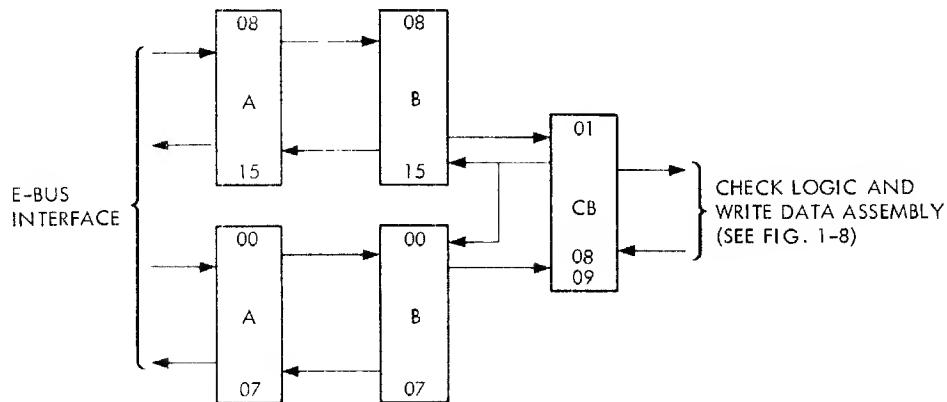
During reading, the sequence is reversed. The data from the tape is sent through the receivers to the CB register, assembled two bytes at a time in the B register, and transferred to the A register. When the A register is full, the control logic (section 1.4.2.5) signals the sensing logic that the buffer is ready to transmit on the E bus.

Figure 1-7 shows the data storage registers.

The error-checking logic generates and checks parity bits (VRC), and LRC and CRC characters. As the data are read, odd parity is generated for each byte. When the last data byte of a record is received, the LRC and CRC characters are read from the tape and compared with the generated characters (figure 1-8).

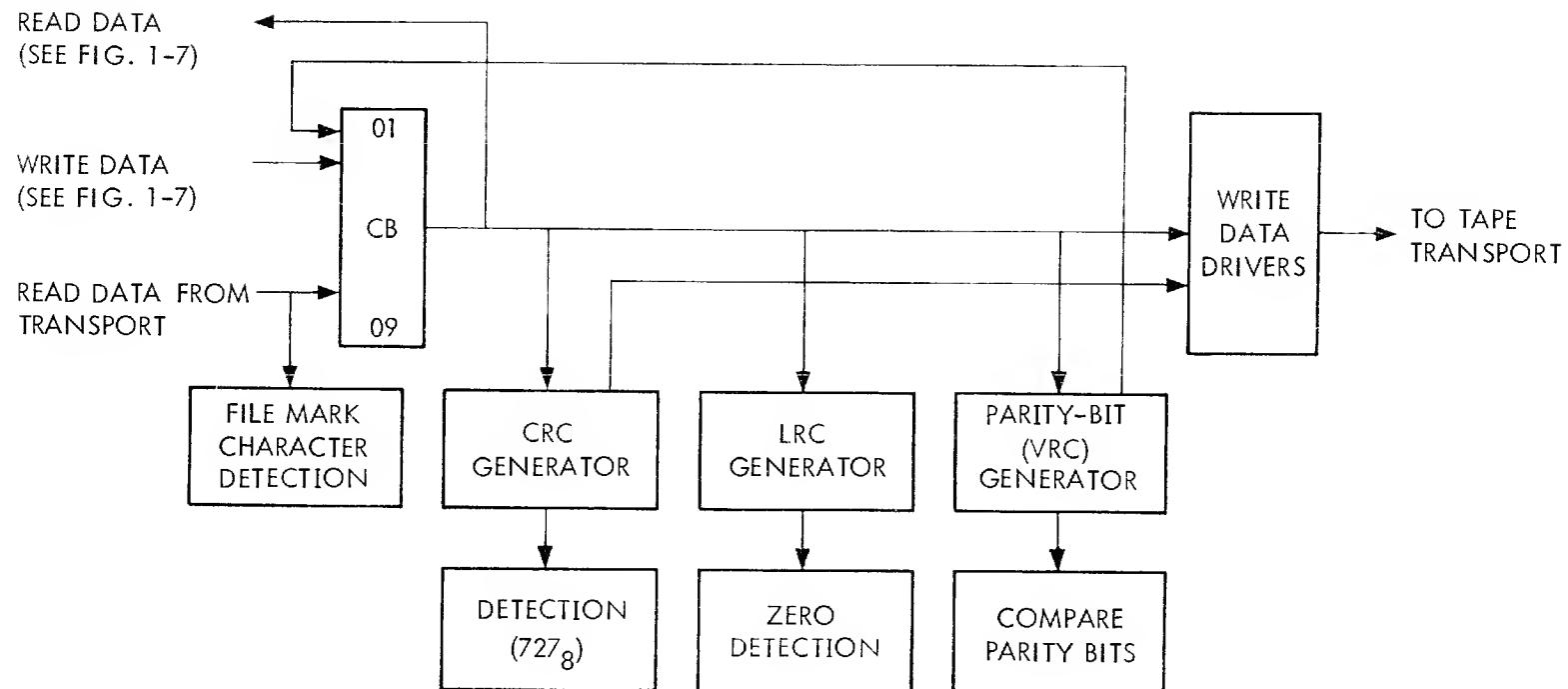
1.4.2.7 Clock Generation

A crystal oscillator and synchronous countdown logic generate tape-system clock signals for driving the MTC.



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FIGURE 1-7. Tape Controller Data Storage Registers.



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FIGURE 1-8. Check-Character Generation.

SECTION 2 PROGRAMMING

2.1 GENERAL

Characteristics of the magnetic-tape system that affect the programming of that system are:

- a. That the A and B registers together have a capacity of two data words.
- b. That the average data-transfer rate is 10,000 words (20,000 characters) per second.
- c. That the computer requires at least 80 microseconds response time for either reading or writing.
- d. The timing given in figure 2-1.

Figure 2-2 shows the format of a data word. High-order byte A is written onto or read from the tape before low-order byte B.

If SENSE switch 1 on the computer is off, tape records will be continuously read or written under program control. If SENSE switch 1 is on and SENSE switch 2 is off, the sequence is write/backspace or read/backspace. If SENSE switches 1 and 2 are both on, the sequence is write/backspace/read.

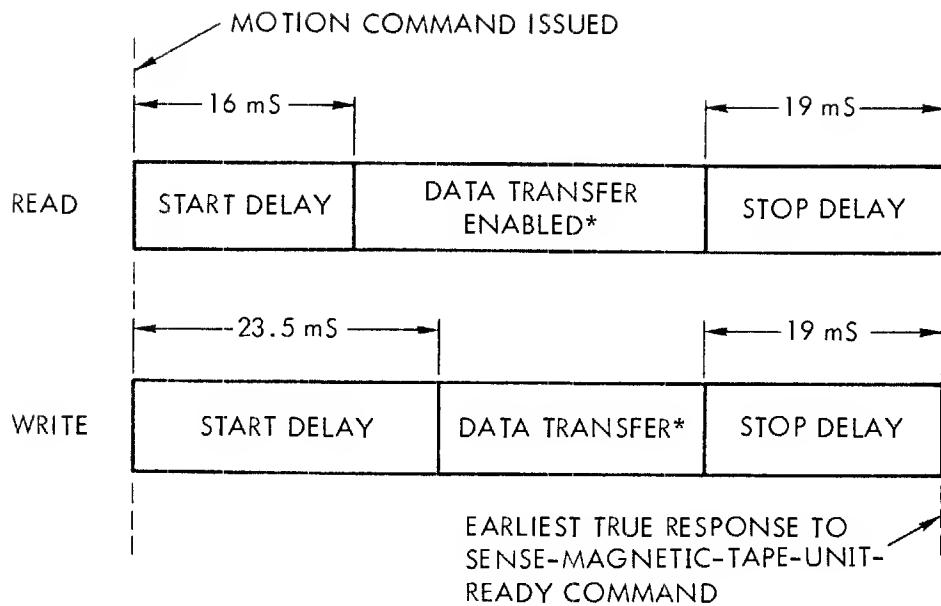
2.2 DESCRIPTIONS OF INSTRUCTIONS

Table 2-1 lists the MTC I/O instructions.

2.2.1 Read One Record (EXC 010)

This instruction starts the tape, reads characters serially into the MTC registers, and assembles them into two-byte words. It then signals the sensing logic when the buffer is ready to transmit the data to the computer.

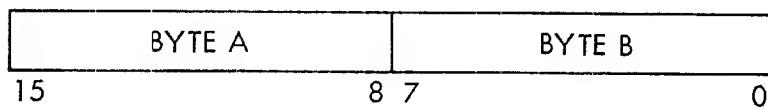
Reading continues until either the specified number of characters has been read or the end of the record is reached. In either case, the entire record is checked for errors. The record can be a data record or a file mark.



*AVERAGE DATA TRANSFER RATE IS 10,000 WORDS
(20,000 CHARACTERS) PER SECOND

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FIGURE 2-1. Programming Timing.



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FIGURE 2-2. Data Word Format.

Table 2-1. I/O Instructions for the Magnetic-Tape Controller

| Mnemonic | Octal | Description |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| EXTERNAL CONTROL | | |
| EXC 010 | 100010 | Read One Record |
| EXC 0210 | 100210 | Write One Record |
| EXC 0410 | 100410 | Write File Mark |
| EXC 0510 | 100510 | Forward One Record |
| EXC 0610 | 100610 | Backspace One Record |
| EXC 0710 | 100710 | Rewind |
| TRANSFER | | |
| OME 010 | 103010 | Output Memory to Magnetic Tape Buffer |
| OAR 0110 | 103110 | Output A Reg to Magnetic Tape Buffer |
| OBR 0210 | 103210 | Output B Reg to Magnetic Tape Buffer |
| IME 010 | 102010 | Input Magnetic Tape Buffer to Memory |
| INA 0110 | 102110 | Input Magnetic Tape Buffer to A Register |
| INB 0210 | 102210 | Input Magnetic Tape Buffer to B Register |
| CIA 0510 | 102510 | Input Magnetic Tape Buffer to A Register Cleared |
| CIB 0610 | 102610 | Input Magnetic Tape Buffer to B Register Cleared |
| SENSE | | |
| SEN 010 | 101010 | Sense Tape Error |
| SEN 0110 | 101110 | Sense Buffer Ready |
| SEN 0210 | 101210 | Sense Tape Unit Ready |
| SEN 0310 | 101310 | Sense File Mark |
| SEN 0410 | 101410 | Sense Odd-Length Record |
| SEN 0510 | 101510 | Sense End of Tape |
| SEN 0615 | 101610 | Sense Beginning of Tape |
| SEN 0710 | 101710 | Sense Rewinding |
| TRANSPORT SELECTION | | |
| EXCB 0110 | 104110 | Select Tape Transport 1 |
| EXCB 0210 | 104210 | Select Tape Transport 2 |
| EXCB 0310 | 104310 | Select Tape Transport 3 |
| EXCB 0410 | 104410 | Select Tape Transport 4 |

2.2.2 Write One Record (EXC 0210)

This instruction starts the tape; signals the computer when the MTC can receive data; transfers the data to the MTC with an output instruction; or, using the BIC, separates each word into two bytes, generates an odd-parity bit for each byte, and writes the data onto the tape. This continues until no more data are received by the MTC at the normal transfer rate, at which time the check characters are generated and written onto the tape and the tape stopped.

2.2.3 Write File Mark (EXC 0410)

This instruction writes a file-mark record, including gaps and check characters. There is no data transfer between the MTC and the computer.

2.2.4 Forward One Record (EXC 0510)

This instruction advances the tape one record. It does not require any computer time or transfer data. However, the record skipped is checked for errors.

2.2.5 Backspace One Record (EXC 0610)

This instruction backspaces the tape one record. It does not require any computer time, transfer data, or check for errors.

2.2.6 Rewind (EXC 0710)

This instruction rewinds the tape to the BOT marker and stops it.

2.2.7 Sense Tape Error (SEN 010)

This instruction should be issued only when the tape unit is stopped and no motion instruction has been issued, i.e. when the Tape Unit Ready signal is true (section 2.2.9). The Sense Tape Error instruction senses the error signal generated by:

- a. A parity (VRC, LRC, or CRC) error detected during execution of a Read One Record or Forward One Record instruction.

b. A Write One Record or Write File Mark instruction issued when the file-protection ring is not in place on the tape reel.

c. The tape transport leaving the ready state during the execution of any instruction.

2.2.8 Sense Buffer Ready (SEN 0110)

During reading, a true response to this instruction indicates that the MTC is ready to transmit a word. During writing, a true response indicates that the MTC is ready to receive a word. This instruction is not used with the BIC.

2.2.9 Sense Tape Unit Ready (SEN 0210)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the tape is stopped and the tape transport is ready to receive external control instructions.

2.2.10 Sense File Mark (SEN 0310)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the record checked by the last Read One Record or Forward One Record instruction was a File Mark instruction. The first motion instruction issued after detection of a file mark resets the FILE MARK indicator.

2.2.11 Sense Odd-Length Record (SEN 0410)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the last character of a record having an odd number of data bytes has been read. The lower-order byte of the last word is ignored. The first motion instruction issued after detection of an odd-length record resets the ODD LENGTH indicator.

2.2.12 Sense End of Tape (SEN 0510)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the EOT marker has been detected. The EOT detector is reset by this instruction, or by the Backspace One Record or Rewind instructions.

2.2.13 Sense Beginning of Tape (SEN 0610)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the tape is stopped at the BOT marker.

2.2.14 Sense Rewinding (SEN 0710)

A true response to this instruction indicates that the tape transport is rewinding the tape. Upon completion of the rewinding, the REWIND indicator is reset and the BOT indicator is set (section 2.2.13).

2.2.15 Select Tape Transport 1 (or 2, 3, or 4) (EXCB Instructions)

This instruction selects one of up to four tape transports for connection to the MTC if the transport is in on-line status. System reset automatically connects transport 1 to the MTC.

2.3 SAMPLE PROGRAM

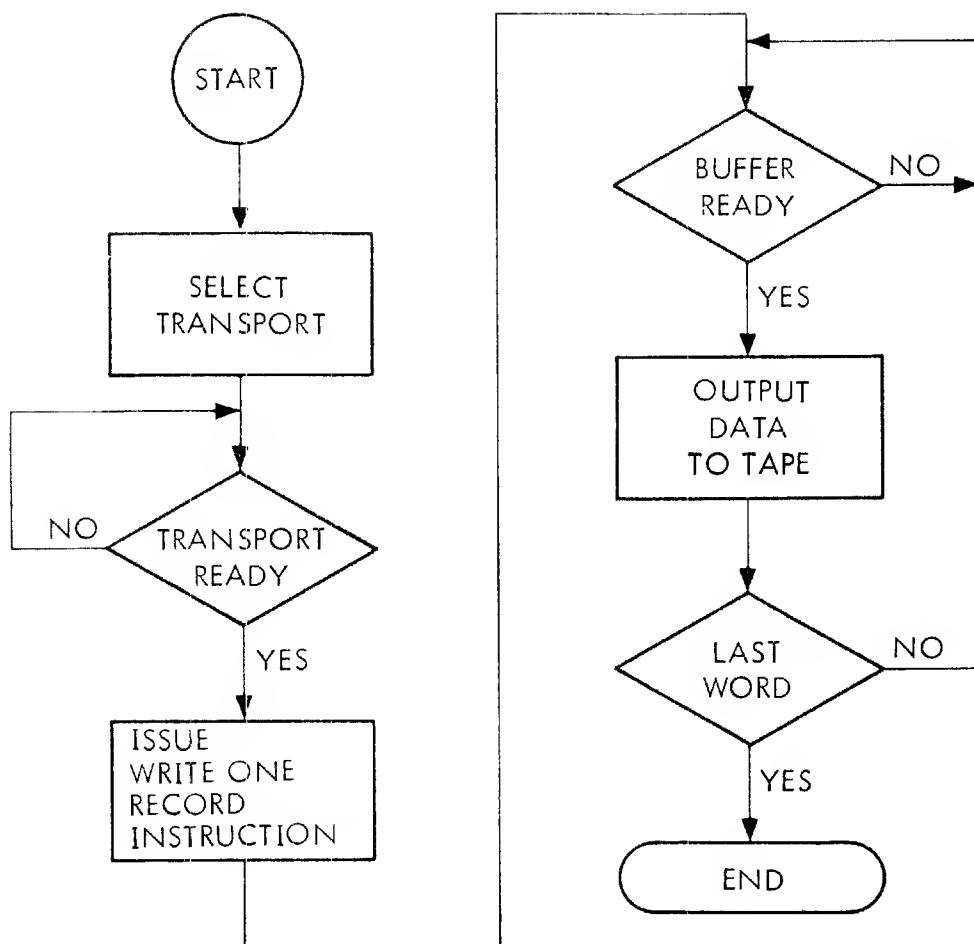
Figure 2-3 is a program for writing a block of characters onto the tape and reading them back. The size of the block can vary.

The initial conditions for execution of the program are that the A register must contain the block length and the B register must contain data.

Figure 2-4 is a flow chart for writing onto the tape, and figure 2-5 is a flow chart for reading from the tape.

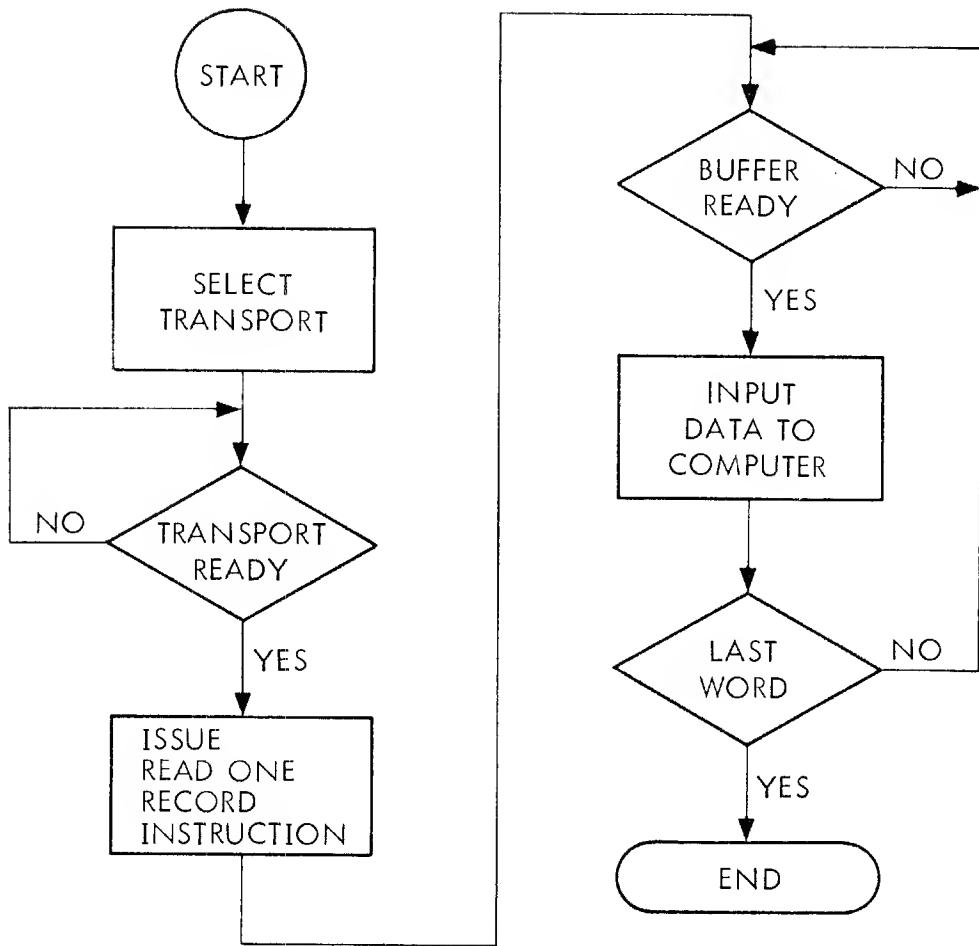
| | | | | |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| 00000 | 050057 | ,STA | SIZE | SIZE OF BLOCK |
| 00001 | 101210 | ,SEN | ,0210 | SENSE TAPE TRANSPORT READY |
| 00002 | 000005R | | | |
| 00003 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00004 | 000001R | | | |
| 00005 | 100210 | ,EXC | ,0210 | WRITE ONE RECORD BINARY |
| 00006 | 010057 | ,LDA | | SIZE OF BLOCK |
| 00007 | 101110 | ,SEN | ,0110 | SENSE BUFFER READY |
| 00010 | 000013R | | | |
| 00011 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00012 | 000007R | | | |
| 00013 | 103210 | ,OBR | ,0010 | DATA |
| 00014 | 005311 | ,DAR | | DECREMENT BLOCK SIZE |
| 00015 | 001010 | ,JAZ | | A REGISTER ZERO |
| 00016 | 000021R | | | |
| 00017 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00020 | 000007R | | | |
| 00021 | 001100 | ,JSS1 | | SENSE SWITCH 1 |
| 00022 | 000025R | | | |
| 00023 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00024 | 000001R | | | |
| 00025 | 101215 | ,SEN | ,0210 | SENSE TAPE TRANSPORT READY |
| 00026 | 000031R | | | |
| 00027 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00030 | 000025R | | | |
| 00031 | 100610 | ,EXC | ,0610 | BACKSPACE ONE RECORD |
| 00032 | 001200 | ,JSS2 | | SENSE SWITCH 2 |
| 00033 | 000036R | | | |
| 00034 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00035 | 000001R | | | |
| 00036 | 101210 | ,SEN | ,0210 | SENSE TAPE TRANSPORT READY |
| 00037 | 000042R | | | |
| 00040 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00041 | 000036R | | | |
| 00042 | 100010 | ,EXC | ,0010 | READ ONE RECORD BINARY |
| 00043 | 010057 | ,LDA | SIZE | BLOCK LENGTH |
| 00044 | 101110 | ,SEN | ,0110 | SENSE BUFFER READY |
| 00045 | 000050R | | | |
| 00046 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00047 | 000044R | | | |
| 00050 | 102010 | ,IME | | READ BUFFER INTO MEMORY |
| 00051 | 000060R | | | |
| 00052 | 005311 | ,DAR | | DECREMENT BLOCK SIZE |
| 00053 | 001010 | ,JAZ | | A REGISTER ZERO |
| 00054 | 000001R | | | |
| 00055 | 001000 | ,JMP | | |
| 00056 | 000044R | | | |
| 00057 | | | | BLOCK LENGTH |
| 00060 | | | | DATA |

FIGURE 2-3. Sample Tape System Program.



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FIGURE 2-4. Flow Chart for Writing onto the Tape.



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FIGURE 2-5. Flow Chart for Reading from the Tape.

SECTION 3 INSTALLATION

3.1 GENERAL

The magnetic-tape system is installed by Sperry Univac customer service engineers. The appendix of this manual contains timing and mnemonic information.

3.2 PREINSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Mount the tape transports in standard 19 inch racks placed so that they can be connected to the MTC by the tape-transport cable. This cable has a maximum length of 20 feet. If the system has more than one tape transport, the total length of all tape-transport cables cannot exceed 20 feet.

3.3 INSTALLATION

Install the MTC boards in adjacent slots of the expansion chassis. Insert them into the mounting guides with the component sides of the boards on your left as you face the rear of the chassis.

Apply moderate pressure to the boards, forcing the 122-terminal edge connectors to seat firmly in the mating connectors on the chassis backplane. Take care to apply equal pressure to the upper and lower halves of the boards to prevent damage to the backplane connectors or to the nylon guides.

To remove the boards, use a board puller (Tichener 1731 or equivalent).

The MTC end of the tape transport cable has two connectors. Connect the one labeled P1 to connector J1 of MTC board 1 (part number 44P0232), and the one labeled P2 to connector J2 of MTC board 2 (part number 44P0233).

Connect the other end of the tape-transport cable to the tape transport if there is only one transport, or to the party-line cable adapter if there are more than one tape transport. Two transports require one adapter, three transports require two adapters, and four transports require three adapters, connected in series. Figure 3-1 shows the cabling for a system with two tape transports.

The I/O cable has its termination shoe in the chassis at J32. If no BIC is installed, or if the BIC is in the same chassis as the MTC, the I/O cable comes directly from the 620/i. In these cases, termination shoe J36 is not used (figure 1-2).

If a BIC is installed in a chassis other than that containing the MTC, the I/O cable comes from that chassis and is connected to J32 of the one containing the MTC. In this case, the B cable of the BIC connects J1 on the BIC with J36 on the chassis containing the MTC (figure 3-2).

For further installation information, refer to engineering document 01A0869.

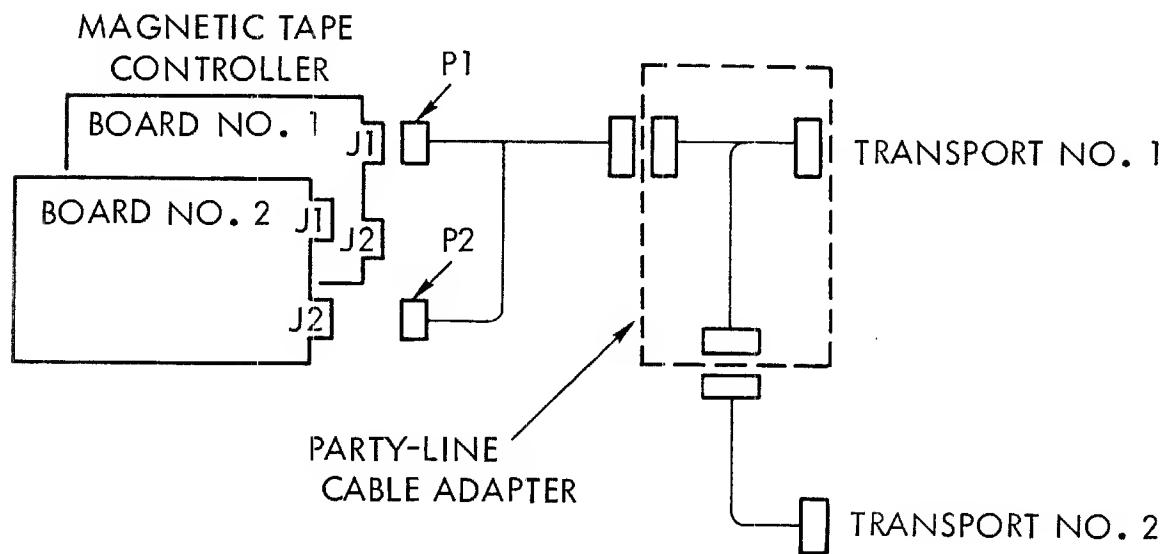
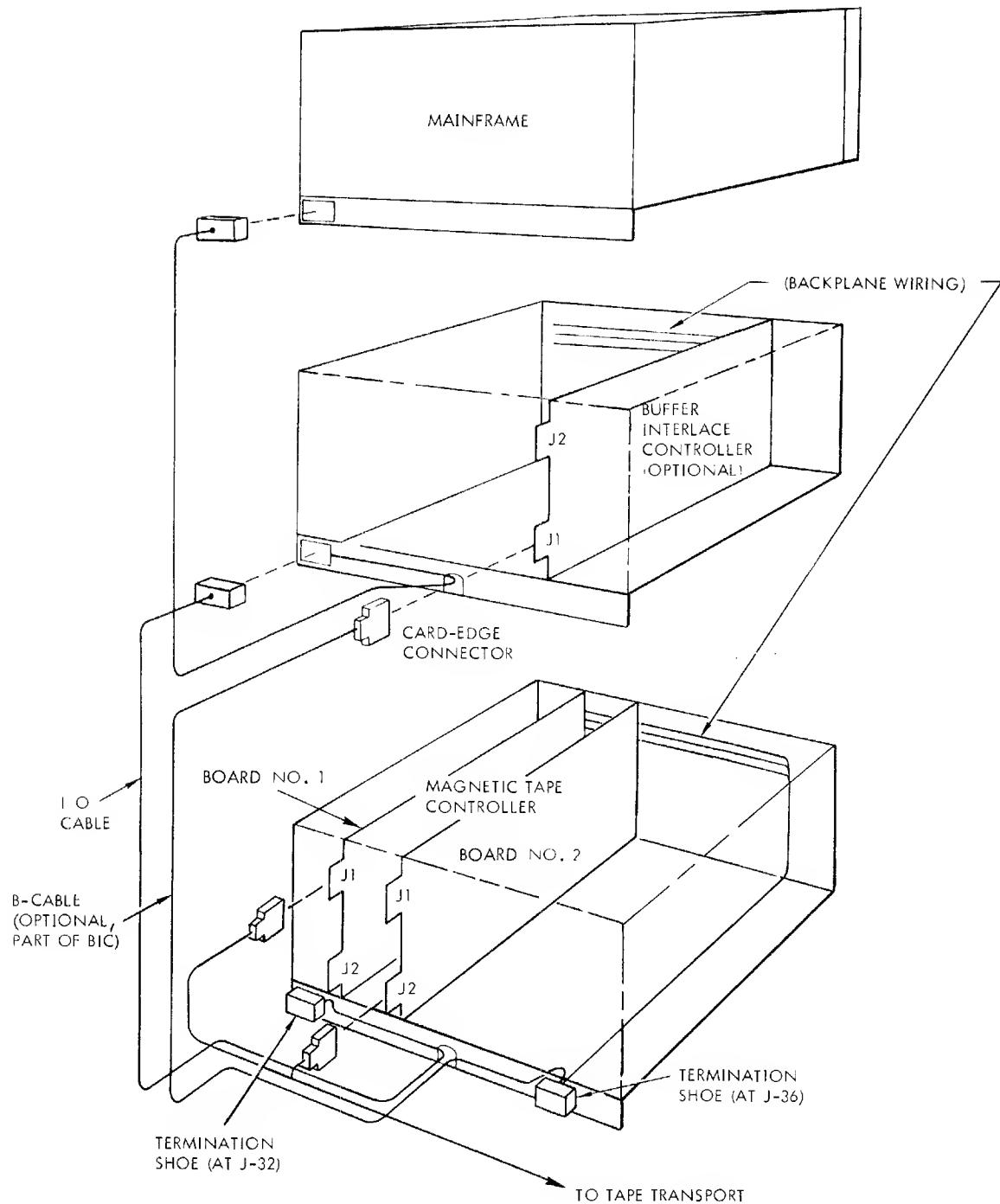


FIGURE 3-1. Party-Line Cabling with Two Transports.



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FIGURE 3-2. Cabling with BIC and MTC in Different Chassis.

SECTION 4 MAINTENANCE

4.1 GENERAL

This section tells how to adjust the time-delay potentiometers on the MTC and how to perform diagnostic maintenance.

4.2 POTENTIOMETER ADJUSTMENT

Card 1 of the MTC holds nine adjustable time-delay potentiometers, R1-R9, as indicated on the assembly drawing 44D0232 in the System Maintenance Manual. Adjust these potentiometers to the delay times shown in table 4-1, using the test points shown.

In troubleshooting, these adjustments are made after running the diagnostic program, as explained in the next paragraph.

4.3 TROUBLESHOOTING

MTC troubleshooting procedures make use of the programs in the document "Magnetic Tape Diagnostic - Version 02.0." These programs are:

- a. Magnetic-tape GROW program
- b. Magnetic-tape high-density program
- c. Forward/backspace one record program
- d. Write/sense file-mark program

Each of the following tests constitutes one item in the complete series of diagnostic routines on the MTC. Performing this sequence of tests is the usual method of troubleshooting the MTC:

- a. Perform the diagnostic programs according to the instructions provided with them in Version 02.0.
- b. Adjust the potentiometers according to section 4.2 to obtain the best oscilloscope resolution possible for the output pulses of the one-shots.
- c. Execute the program given in figure 4-1, or its equivalent.

d. Manually execute instructions EXC 0210 and 0410, observing the TDER flip-flop on the scope, the tape on the transport, and the computer's response to the Sense Tape Error (SEN 010) instruction.

e. Simulate errors by grounding key points in the check-character-generation logic during a normal read/write data control operation.

f. Simulate a transport not ready. This is done by grounding RDY+ during any motion instruction except rewind. This sets flip-flop TMER.

g. Execute each EXCB instruction manually, observing the output at each of the four line drivers as each instruction is executed. A pullup resistor on each driver output is required so that the level change can be observed on the oscilloscope.

h. Execute a Write One Record (EXC 0210) instruction. Ignore the BUFFER READY indicator and wait for a true response to the Sense Tape Unit Ready (SEN 0210) instruction. When the unit is ready, execute the Sense Odd-Length Record (SEN 0410) instruction. The response should be true. The next motion instruction should reset the indicator.

Table 4-1. Time Delay Adjustment

| Potentiometer | Test Point Location | Delay Time (Milliseconds) |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| R1 | G10-8 | 150 |
| R2 | H10-8 | 0.5 |
| R3 | K10-8 | 16 |
| R4 | L10-8 | 250 |
| R5 | M10-8 | 19 |
| R6 | N10-8 | 0.425 |
| R7 | R10-8 | 0.175 |
| R8 | S9-8 | 60 |
| R9 | T9-8 | 23.5 |

| Memory Location | Octal Code | Comments |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 500 | 100021 | Init. BIC |
| 501 | 103020 | Load BIC I Reg. |
| 502 | 541 | |
| 503 | 103021 | Load BIC F Reg. |
| 504 | 542 | |
| 505 | 101210 | SEN MTU Rdy |
| 506 | 511 | |
| 507 | 1000 | Jump |
| 510 | 505 | |
| 511 | 100020 | BIC Activate Enable |
| 512 | 100210 (100010) | WOR (ROR) |
| 513 | 101020 | SEN BIC Not Busy |
| 514 | 517 | |
| 515 | 1000 | Jump |
| 516 | 513 | |
| 517 | 101021 | SEN Abnormal Stop |
| 520 | 540 | |
| 521 | 1100 | JSS1 |
| 522 | 525 | |
| 523 | 1000 | Jump |
| 524 | 500 | |
| 525 | 0000 | HALT |
| 526 | XXXXXX | |
| 527 | | |
| 530 | | |
| 531 | | |
| 532 | | Write Data (Read Data) |
| 533 | | |
| 534 | | |
| 535 | | |
| 536 | | |
| 537 | XXXXXX | |
| 540 | 0000 | HALT (Abnormal Stop) |
| 541 | 526 | Initial Address |
| 542 | 537 | Final Address |
| 543 | | |
| 544 | | |
| 546 | | |
| 547 | | |

FIGURE 4-1. BIC Test Program for the MTC.

APPENDIX
MNEMONICS DEFINITION LIST
AND TIMING DIAGRAMS

The following is a list of mnemonics with definitions and logic-diagram locations. The location designations consist of a logic-diagram sheet number and zone on that sheet.

MNEMONIC DEFINITION LIST

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| ADDX- | Device address (EB00-EB05 and IUAX-) | | 16C2 |
| ARCm | A register control flip-flops (m = 1, 2) | 3B1 | |
| ARCon | A register control flip-flops decoded (n = 0,...3) | 3D4 | |
| ARn | Flip-flop n of A register (n = 00, 01,...15) | | 17-18 |
| BCn | Flip-flop n of bit counter (n = 1, 2, 3) | | 13D |
| BCCLK | Bit counter clock | | 13C4 |
| BCDX-B | BIC interface signal -- deactivate buffer controller | 6C2 | |
| BOR | Backspace one record | 10D1 | |
| BRn | Flip-flop n of B register (n = 00, 01,...15) | | 19-20 |
| BRCm | B register control flip-flops (m = 1, 2) | 4D1-2 | |
| BRCOn | B register control flip-flops decoded (n = 0,...3) | 4B3,4 | |
| CBn | Flip-flop n of character buffer register (n = 1, 2,...9) | | 9-10 |
| CBCNT | Character buffer character counter | 4C1 | |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| CDCX-B | BIC interface signal -- controlled device connected | 6D1 | |
| CGCLK | CRC character generator clock | | 9A3 |
| CKEOTD | Clock end-of-tape detection flip-flop | 12B4 | |
| CLKSLT | Clock transport selection register | A83 | |
| CLKWRA | | 10B2 | |
| CLKWRB | Clock write/read status flip-flop | 10A2 | |
| CLKWRS | | 10B2 | |
| CRCER | CRC error indicator | | 9B3 |
| CRCGn | CRC character generator flip-flop n | | 7-9 |
| CRCRES | CRC character generator reset | | 7C4 |
| CRCS | Select CRC character for output to transport write data lines | | 3D1 |
| CSDTX | Clock input to synchronize data transfer out | 6D3 | |
| DCEX-B | BIC interface signal -- connect device | 6B4 | |
| DESX-B | BIC interface signal -- stop device | 6A4 | |
| DLn | Flip-flop n of data logic control flip-flops (n = 1,...4) | | 3C1-2 |
| DLDn | Data logic flip-flops decoded (n = 00,...17) | | 4X3 |
| DRBC | Direct reset of the BC flip-flop | | 13C4 |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| DRRSC | Direct reset of the RSC flip-flop | | 12B2 |
| DRTC1 | Direct reset of the TCl flip-flop | | |
| DRWC | Direct reset of the WC flip-flop | | 14C4 |
| DRYX--I | Data ready signal (computer) | 6C4 | |
| DSARN | Direct set of flip-flop ARn (n = 00, 01...15) | | 17-18 |
| DSBRn | Direct set of flip-flop BRn (n = 00, 01,...15) | | 17-18 |
| DSCBn | Direct set of flip-flop CBn (n = 1,...9) | | 9-10 |
| DSEL | Select data (CB register) for output to write data lines of transport | | |
| DSTDER | Direct set of the TDER flip-flop | | 20B2 |
| DSTMER | Direct set of the TMER flip-flop | 12D3 | |
| DTCLK | Clock for DTIX and DTOX flip-flops | 5A1 | |
| DTI | Data-transfer-in (to computer) | | 16A2 |
| DTIX | Data-transfer-in (to computer) flip-flop | 5C1 | |
| DTOX | Data-transfer-out (from computer) flip-flop | 5B1 | |
| EBn | E bus data/address signals (n = 06,...08, 11,...15) | 5x4 | |
| ENDm | End-of-record/end-of-file read control logic flip-flops (m = 1,...4) | 1D2,3,4 | |
| ENDn | END flip-flops decoded (n = 00, 02, 03, 05,...07, 11, 12) | 2x3 | |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| END+ | End of record or end of file detected on previous ROR, FOR, or BOR instruction | | |
| EOR1+ | End-of-record counter decoded -- bit time number 1 | | 13B1 |
| EOR5 | End-of-record counter decoded -- bit time number 5 | | 13B3 |
| EOTD | End-of-tape detection flip-flop | 12A3 | |
| EOT-T | End-of-tape signal from transport | 7C4 | |
| ERDL | Enable read data logic (ROR + FOR) | 10B3 | |
| EWDL | Enable write data logic (WOR) | 10C3 | |
| FDGAP | Forward data gap | 9B3 | |
| FMCD | File mark character detection | 1A3 | |
| FOR | Forward one record | 10D2 | |
| FRYX-1 | Function ready signal from computer | 6C4 | |
| FTAD | Turnaround delay flip-flop | 14A3 | |
| FUNCn | One of eight decodings of EB06, 07, 08 lines | 11x3 | |
| FUN67 | FUNC6 + FUNC7 | 12A4 | |
| FWD | Any forward-motion instruction (WOR + WFM + ROR + FOR) | | |
| GCRC1 | Generate CRC character | 9B3 | |
| GCRC2 | Generate CRC character | | 9A3 |
| GNDn | Signal ground n (n = 00,...46) | | various |
| IUAX-I | Interrupt acknowledgement from computer | | 16B2 |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Jxxxx+ | J input to a 7473 flip-flop called xxxx | various | |
| Kxxxx+ | K input to a 7473 flip-flop called xxxx | various | |
| LAB | Load A register into B register | | 20B4 |
| LBA (H or L) | Load B register into A register (H = high, L = low) | | 18A3 |
| LBHCB | Load BR08 through BR15 into CB register | | 20A3 |
| LBLCB | Load BR00 through BR07 into CB register | | 20A3 |
| LBRCB | Load CB9 from B register | | 10A2 |
| LCBBH | Load CB register from BR08 through BR15 | | 20C3 |
| LCBBL | Load CR register from BR00 through BR07 | | 20B3 |
| LCRCG | Load CRC generator | | 5A3 |
| LDP-T | Loadpoint (BOT) indicator signal from transport | 7B4 | |
| LEBA | Load E bus data into A register | | 18C3 |
| LGCLK | LRCO character generator clock | | 5A4 |
| LRCER | LRC error indicator | | 5A1 |
| LRCGn | LRC character generator flip-flop n | | 5D |
| LRD | Load read data into CB register | | 12C4 |
| MCLK | Master clock (2.78 MHz) generated from crystal oscillator | | 14A3 |

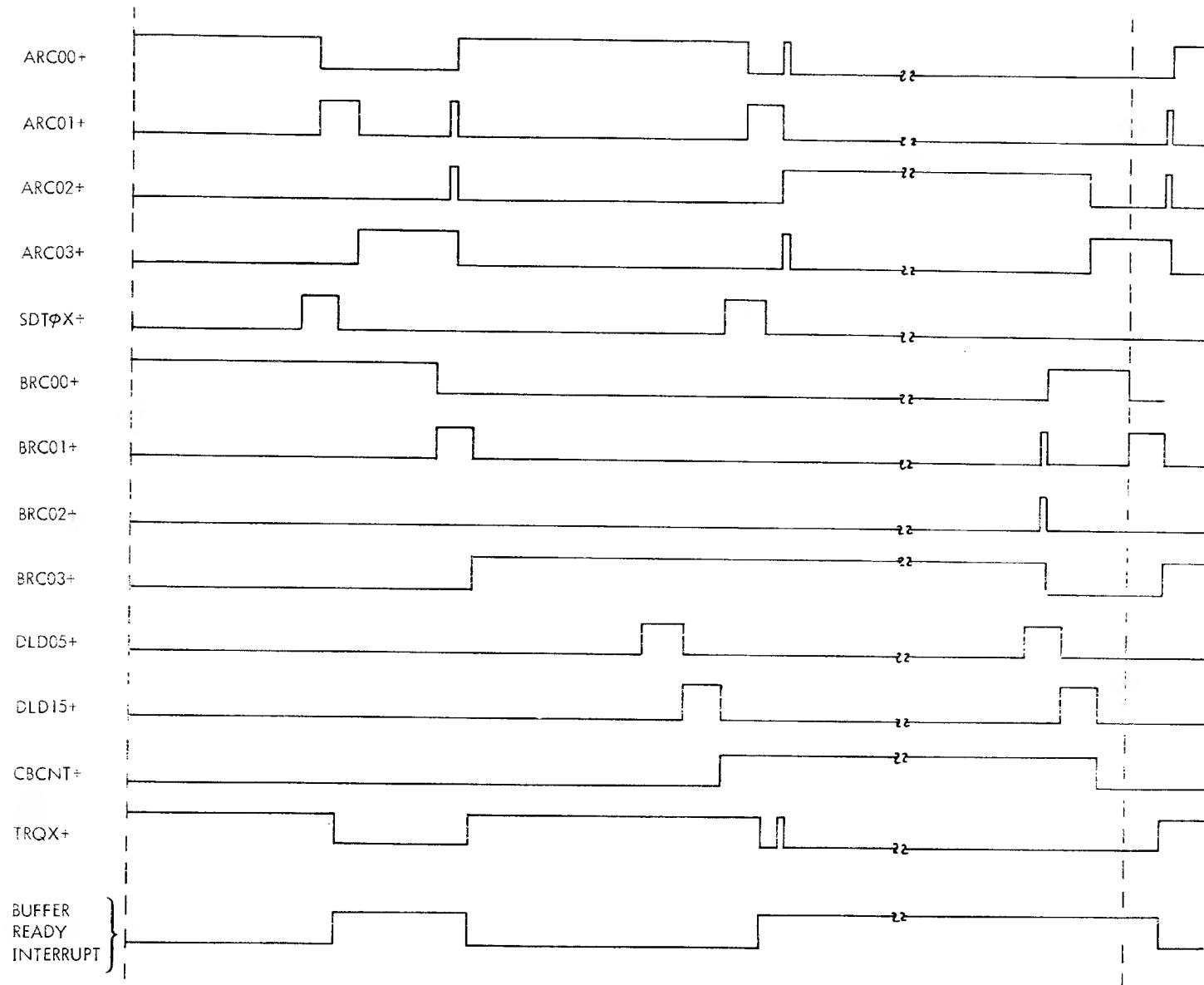
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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| MTCD1 | MTC clock decoder No. 1 (about 10 usec before end of TC counter cycle) | | 12B3-4 |
| MTCD2 | MTC clock decoder No. 2 (terminates TC counter cycle) | | 11A1 |
| OLR | Odd-length record indicator flip-flop | 11C1 | |
| RAR (H or L) | Reset A register (H = high, L = Low) | | 18B3 |
| RBR (H or L) | Reset B register (H = high, L = low) | 4B1 | |
| RCB | Reset CB register | | 12D3 |
| RDn | Read data line n from tape transport | | 1-2 |
| RDACC | Read data accepted (by computer) | 5A3 | |
| RDD1 | Read-data detection one-shot (reverse) | 9D3 | |
| RDD2 | Read-data detection one-shot (forward) | 9C3 | |
| RDS-T | Read-data strobe from transport | 7D4 | |
| RDSTB | Read strobe from transport (generated from RDS-T) | 7C3 | |
| RDY-T | Transport READY TO ACCEPT COMMANDS indicator from transport | 7C4 | |
| RETn | Twisted-pair ground return | | various |
| RHEADn | Supply voltage to discrete component mounting board n (n = 1, 2, 3) | | various |
| RHEGNDn | Signal ground to discrete component mounting board n (n = 1, 2, 3) | | various |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| RLRCG | Reset LRC character generator | | 5B4 |
| ROR | Read one record | 10D4 | |
| RSCn | Read strobe synchronization counter (n = 1, 2) | | 12C2 |
| RSYNC | Resynchronize controller counters (resets counters to zero) | | 11B3 |
| RWC-T | Rewind instruction to transport | 8C3 | |
| RWD-T | Rewinding indicator from transport | 7B4 | |
| RWND | Rewind instruction storage flip-flop | 10D1 | |
| SDEC | Clock for setting data error flip-flop (TDER) | | 20A2 |
| SDTOX | Synchronize data transfer out | 6D3 | |
| SENS+ | Output of sense response OR function (positive true) | 11C2 | |
| SERX-1 | Sense command response to E bus | 6B4 | |
| SFC-T | Synchronous forward-motion instruction to transport | 8D4 | |
| SHCYC | Short cycle flip-flop used for resetting TC counter to zero at end of cycle | | 11B3 |
| SLTn-T | Select lines to transport (n = 1,...4) | 8x2 | |
| SRC-T | Synchronous reverse instruction to transport | 8C4 | |
| SRDACC | RDACC signal synchronized with TCLK | 5A2 | |
| SRS | RDSTB signal synchronized with TCLK | | 12C2 |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| STLWD | Start long write/delay one-shot. Write file mark start delay or write first record after BOT marker | 13B3 | |
| STPDY | Stop delay one-shot | 14C3 | |
| STPM | Stop motion one-shot | 14B2 | |
| STRDM | Start read motion one-shot | 13D3 | |
| STRIM | Start read initial motion one- shot (first record after BOT marker) | 13A3 | |
| STRT | Start signal -- indicates that tape speed is increasing | 13D1 | |
| STSU | TSU signal synchronized with TCLK | 14D4 | |
| STWM | Start write motion | 13A2 | |
| SX | SYRT + XCX10 | 12C1 | |
| SYRF-1 | System reset from computer | 6B3 | |
| TAD | Turnaround delay one-shot | 14A1 | |
| TAKX-B | BIC interface signal -- data transfer request acknowledgement | 5D2 | |
| TCn | MTC clock flip-flop n (n = 001, 002, 004, 008, 016, 032, 064, 128) | | 11x1-2 |
| TCCLK | Clock for MTC counter | | 11B3 |
| TCLKx | MTC logic clock (x = A, B, C, D, E, F) | | various |
| TCRES | Reset for MTC counter flip-flops | | 11B2 |
| TCWC | MTC writing clock -- 0.72 usec clock pulse generated just after beginning the 20 kHz clock cycle | | 14C1 |

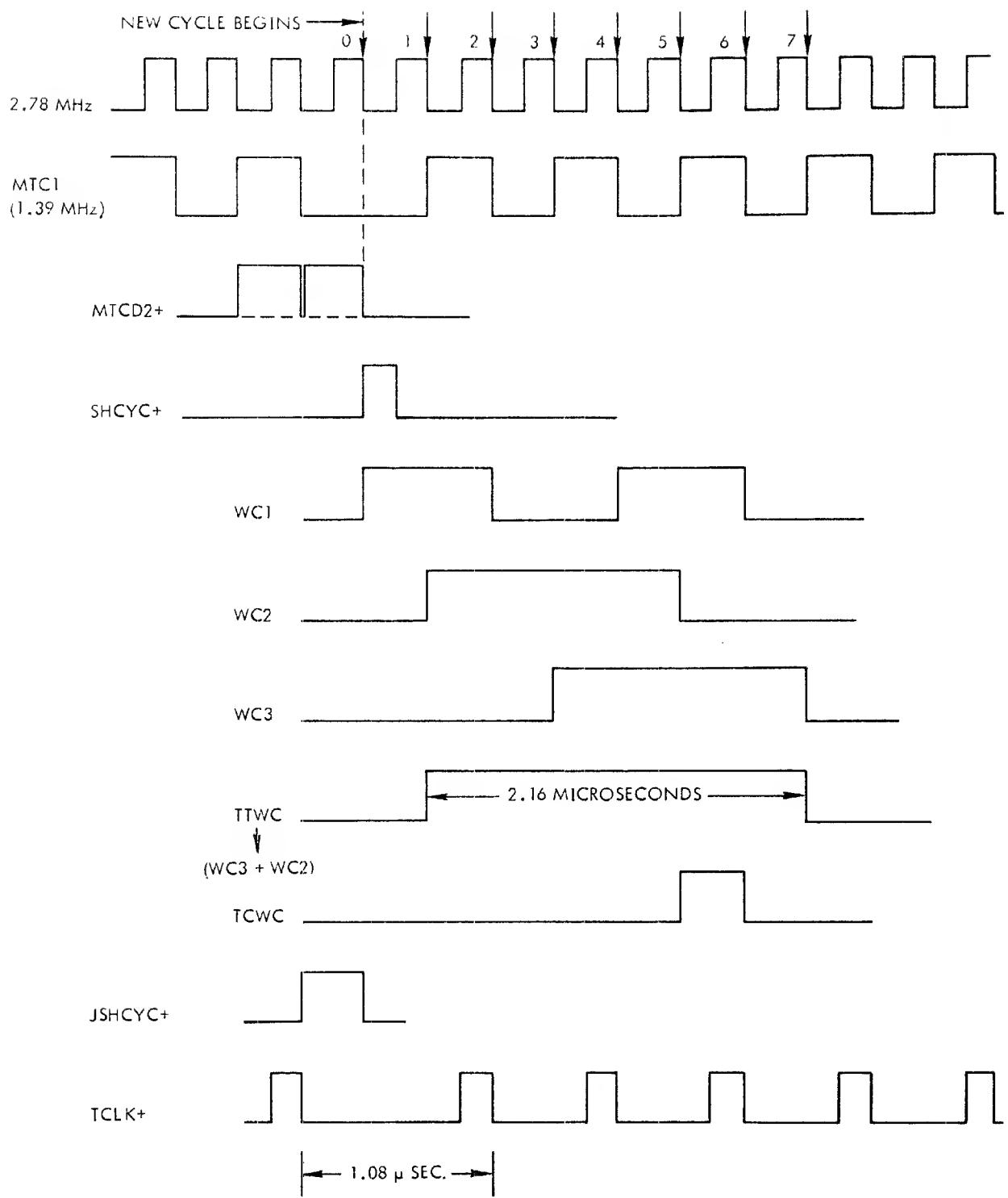
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|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| TDER | Tape data error flip-flop | | 20A1 |
| TMER | Tape motion error flip-flop | 12C3 | |
| TPUR | Tape unit ready for instructions | 13C1 | |
| TRQX-B | BIC interface signal data transfer request | 6B1 | |
| TS | TMER + SYRT | 9C2 | |
| TSR | TMER + SYRT + RSYNC | 9C2 | |
| TSS | TMER + SYRT + STPM | 9C2 | |
| TSSA | TMER + SYRT + STPM | | |
| TSSR | TMER + SYRT + STPM + RSYNC | 9A2 | |
| TSU | Tape up to speed | 13C1 | |
| TSXn | TMER + SYRT + XCX10 (n = 1, 2, 3) | 9Bx | |
| TTCn | Toggle TC flip-flop n (n = 001, 002, 004, 008, 016, 032, 064, 128, 256) | | 11C-D |
| TTWC | Tape transport writing clock. A 2.16 usec pulse generated just after beginning the 20 kHz clock cycle | | 14A1 |
| TVCH | Tape velocity changing | 13C1 | |
| TWDn-T | Transport write-data line n (n = 1,...9) | | 2-3 |
| VRC | Odd-parity bit generated from CB register outputs | | 6D1 |
| VRCER | VRC error indicator | | 6C1 |
| WARS-T | Write amplifier reset to transport. Generates LRC character at end of write operation | 8A3 | |

| Mnemonic | Definition | 91C0032 | 91C0033 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| WC | WOR + WFM | 10C3 | |
| WCn | Write-clock flip-flop n (n = 1, 2, 3) | | 14D3-4 |
| WDS-T | Write-data strobe to transport | 8B3 | |
| WDTO | Write-data transfer output enabler (enables write control signals) | 8B4 | 3D2 |
| WFM | Write file mark | 10D3 | |
| WIR | Write initial record (WOR . LDP) | 13B4 | |
| WOR | Write one record | 10D3 | |
| WRS-T | Write/read status to transport | 8B4 | |
| XCISI | External control instruction storage register idle | 12B2 | |
| XCX10 | Any EXC command directed to tape controller | 5C2 | |



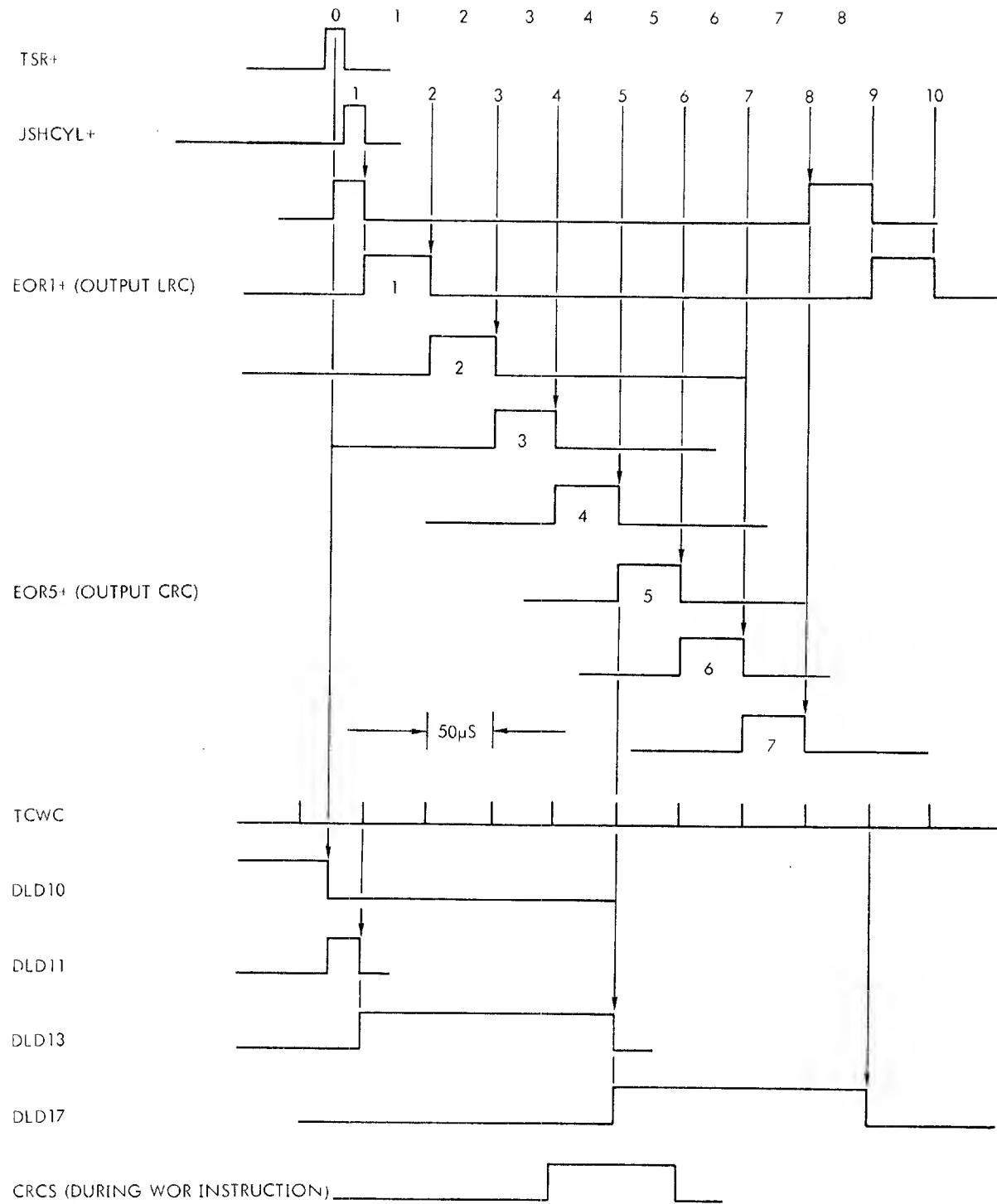
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Write-One-Record Timing



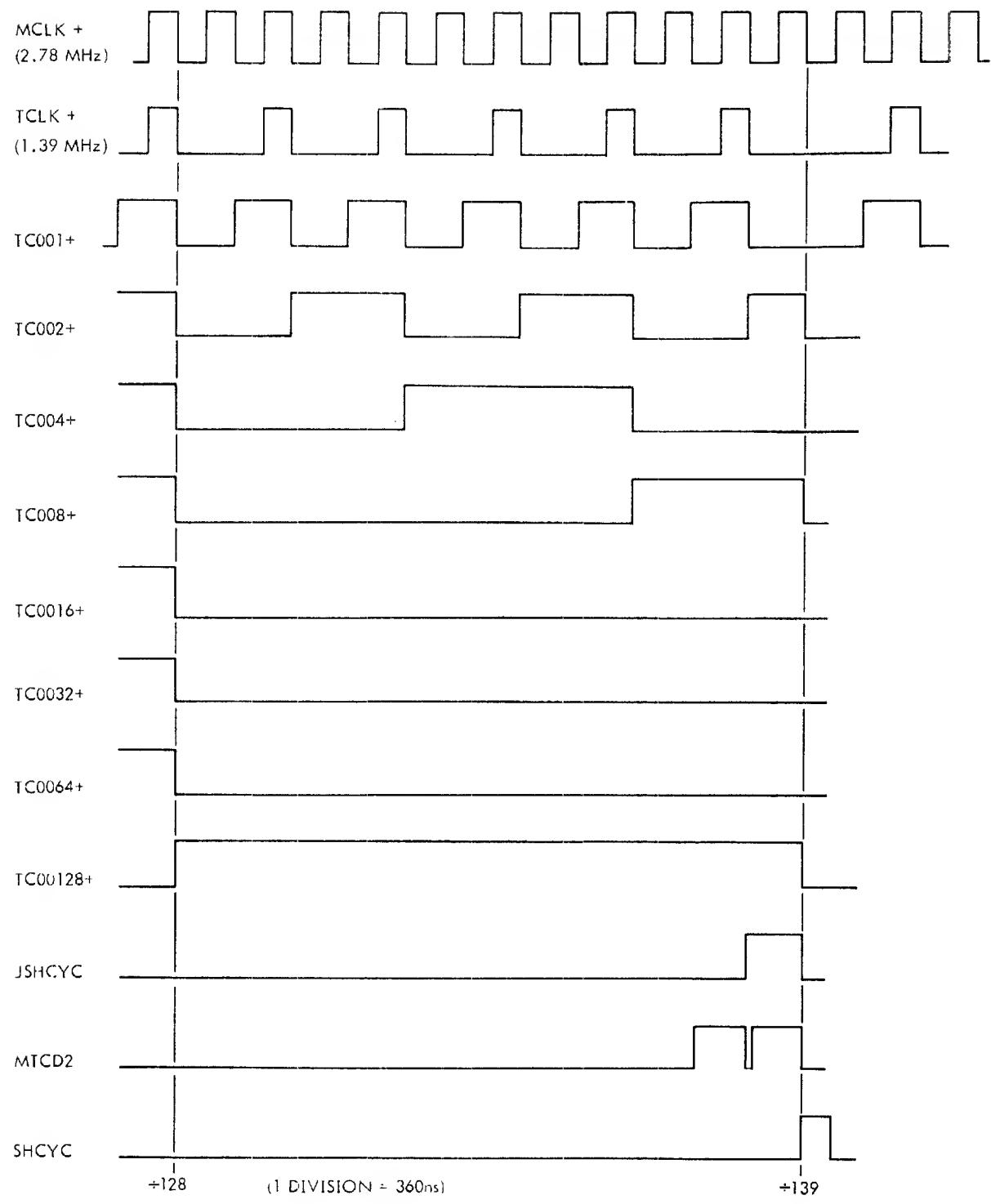
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Clock Timing-Write



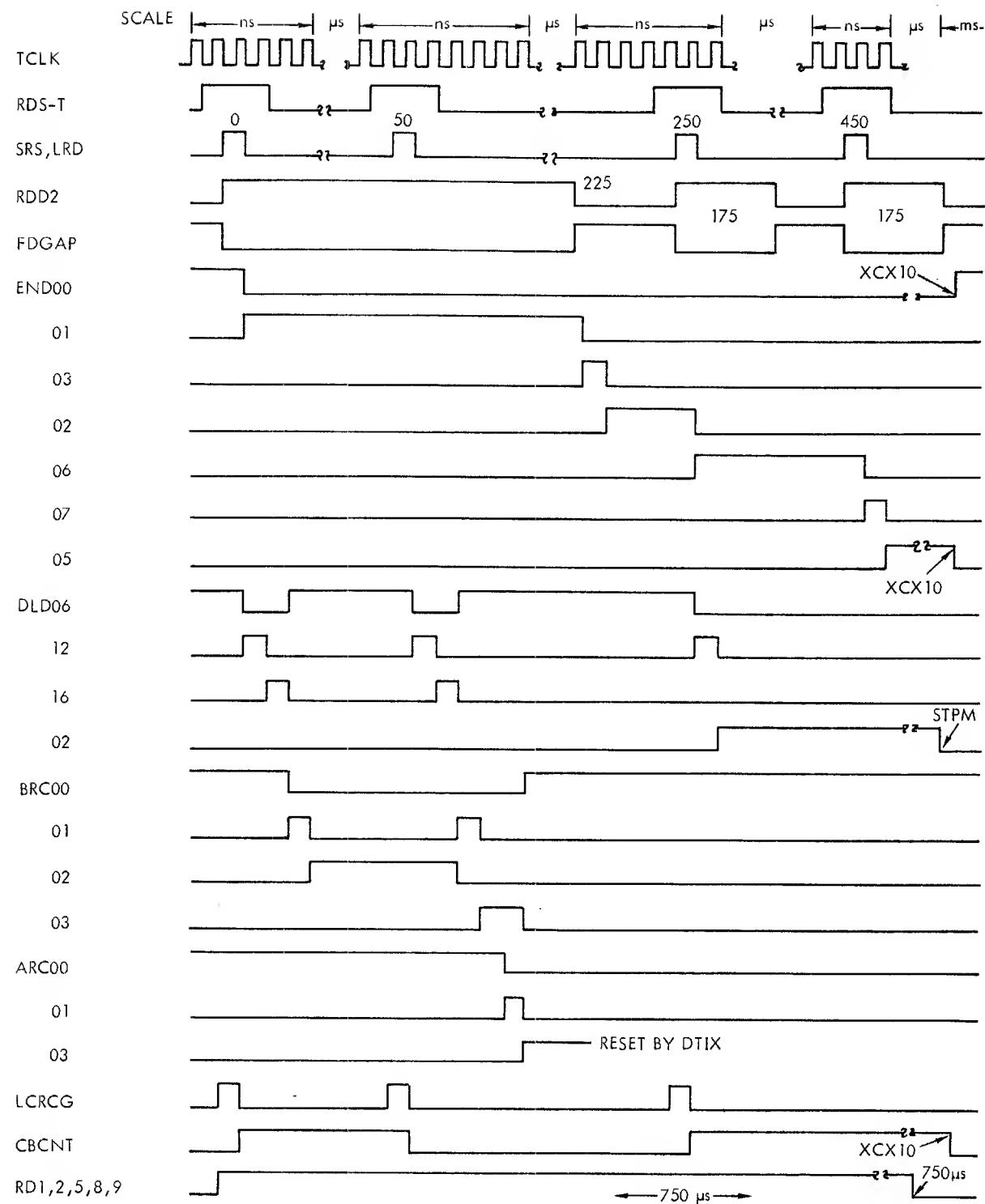
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Data Control Timing



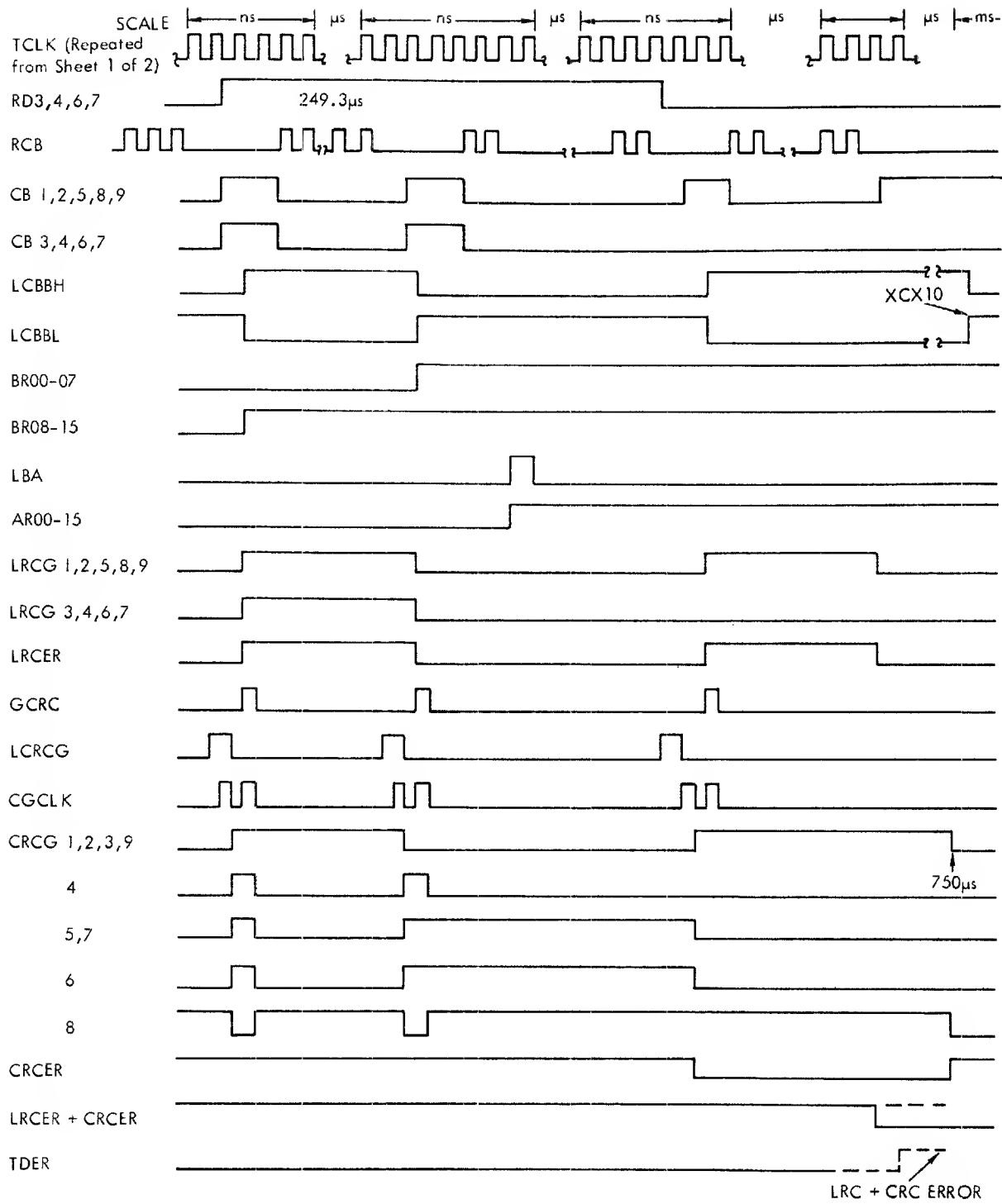
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Master Clock Timing



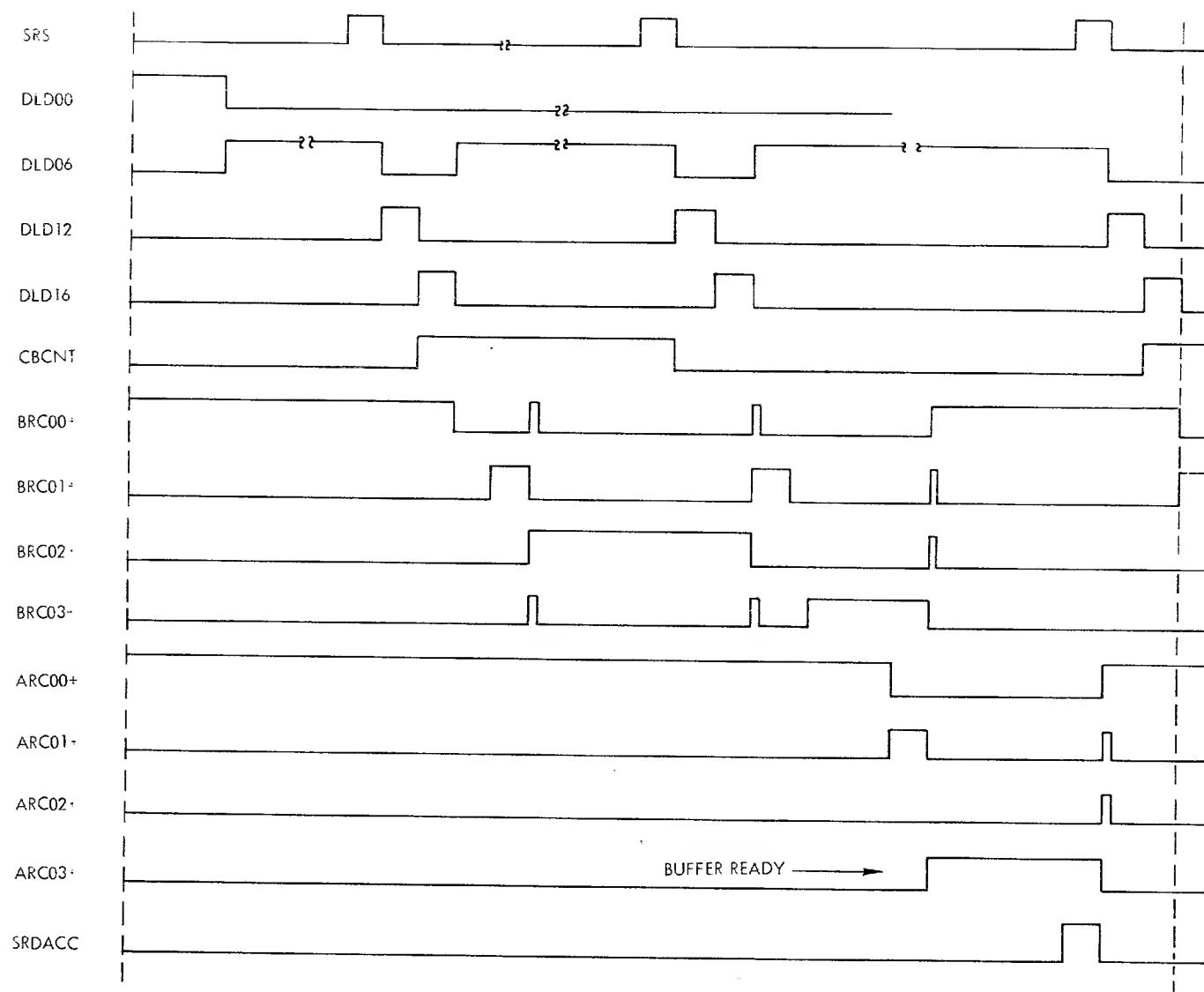
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MTC Test Program: Read-One Record (Sheet 2 of 2)



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Read-One-Record Timing